



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Congressman Henry J. Hyde will be retiring from
3 the United States Congress at the end of his current term; and

4 WHEREAS, He has honorably served the people of the 6th
5 District since first being elected to Congress in 1975; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1982 he has served on and is the current
7 chairman of the House International Relations Committee, where
8 he has played a vital role in the nation's war on terrorism and
9 has been involved in crucial debates about international arms
10 control, the War Powers Act, the expansion of NATO, and the
11 congressional investigation of the Iran-Contra affair; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1985 to 1991, Congressman Hyde served as the
13 ranking Republican on the House Select Committee on
14 Intelligence, where he worked to ensure that the nation's
15 intelligence community was adequately funded; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1975, he has served on the House Judiciary
17 Committee, serving as its chairman from 1995 to 2001; and

18 WHEREAS, Congressman Hyde has worked to help his District
19 through public works projects, flood control, clean drinking
20 water, citizenship projects in local school districts, and new
21 housing developments for senior citizens and special needs
22 children; and

23 WHEREAS, Before serving in the U.S. Congress, he served in
24 the Illinois House of Representatives from 1966 to 1974; during
25 that time he was one of the House's outspoken and articulate
26 debaters, rising to majority leader; and

27 WHEREAS, He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on November 11, 1942,
28 attended the Navy V-12 Program at Duke University and Notre

1 Dame University, was Commissioned as Ensign, USNR, and served
2 in the South Pacific, New Guinea, and in combat in the
3 Philippines; and

4 WHEREAS, He also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from
5 1946 to 1968 and retired at the rank of Commander after serving
6 as officer in charge, U.S. Naval Intelligence Reserve Unit in
7 Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, Congressman Hyde graduated in 1947 from
9 Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., with a Bachelor of
10 Science and from Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, in
11 1949 with a Juris Doctor; and

12 WHEREAS, He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1950 and
13 entered private practice specializing in litigation; and

14 WHEREAS, Congressman Hyde is a past President of the Trial
15 Lawyers Club of Chicago and the past Chairman of the Illinois
16 Crime Investigating Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, He grew up in Chicago as an Irish-Catholic; and

18 WHEREAS, Congressman Hyde was married to Jeanne Simpson
19 Hyde for 45 years until her death in 1992; they have four
20 children and four grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, The residents of DuPage County are lucky to have
22 had such a strong leader, expert, and advocate; therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
26 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we offer our sincere
27 appreciation to the honorable Henry J. Hyde, Congressman of
28 Illinois' 6th District, for his many years of public service;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we salute Congressman Hyde's tireless
3 efforts on behalf of the 6th Congressional District, the State
4 of Illinois, and the entire country; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Congressman Henry J. Hyde.